

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0039527-09-1

Permittee: Weyauwega Star Dairy, PO Box 658, Weyauwega, WI 54983

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Weyauwega Star Dairy, 113 W Wisconsin Street, Weyauwega, WI

Receiving Water and Location: Groundwaters of the Walla Walla and Alder Creek (WR03), Lower Wolf River (WR04) and Waupaca River (WR05) Watersheds, Wolf River Basin, via landspreading in Waupaca County

Brief Facility Description: This facility manufactures specialty cheeses which include Colby, Monterey jack, mozzarella, provolone, parmesan, Romano, pepper, garden vegetable and curds. The plant processes approximately 281,100 pounds of milk per day into about 24,600 pounds of cheese each day. Production processes include pasteurization, fat removal, cheese production, pressing, brining, and packaging. The plant operates 12 hours per day, 5 days per week and 12 months per year. They produce approximately 5 million pounds of cheese per year. No formal wastewater treatment facility exists on-site. The average daily flow of municipal water supplied to the facility is 12,110 gallons. Approximately 17,900 gallons per day of factory equipment cleanup wastewater is land applied on Department approved sites (Outfall 002). The plant maintains a 20,000-gallon underground storage tank to hold wastewater prior to land application.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@Wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Roy Van Gheem, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5191, Roy.VanGheem@Wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit is being modified to remove the surface water outfall and the associated schedules which no longer apply.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be modified.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 662-5148 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be reviewed on the internet at the above web link or may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office during office hours. Information on this permit may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.